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## SENATE ORDERS PROBE OF SUGAR SHORTAGE

### PINKHAM TALKS ON GUARD INERTIA FOLLOWING CASTLE'S RESIGNATION

FOOD COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES WITH WASHINGTON, GOVERNOR IMPLIES, RESPONSIBLE FOR FAILURE TO MOBILIZE—SAYS COMMISSION TRIED TO "GO OVER HIS HEAD"

On the heels of Alfred Castle's resignation as executive officer of the territorial food commission, Governor Pinkham today made public a statement by himself and certain correspondence which, taken together, by strong implication blame Castle and the food commission for the non-mobilization of the national guard last summer.

The governor's statement concludes:

"The public can now form its own judgment as to how and by whom the national guard of Hawaii has been prevented in its aspirations to serve its country."

In making public the statement, letters and telegrams, the governor had no comment other than that he, the governor, could not give out the facts for publication prior to this time, referring to Castle's resignation from the food commission.

The governor's statement says: "The basis of my acquiescence in approving, at his request, General Strong's cablegram, and transmission of my cablegram to the honorable secretary of the interior was that the imperative reorganization as directed by the war department would compel the national guard to consist of about 4700 men or 800 less than originally organized. The percentage of the national guard as related to plantation employees, as stated, I believed to be in error but there was no time to secure the accurate per cent, which has been since ascertained to be around four per cent."

"I have you a copy of a cablegram as to transportation of labor from the Philippines."

"At that time commercial liners could not furnish accommodations and the U. S. P. A. had four hundred Filipinos in Manila awaiting transportation."

"The U. S. P. A. can inform you as to the then cost per head on commercial steamers, and the passage money per head they offered the United States government."

"I appointed the food commission May 4th last. Their first meeting was May 6th, at which time the mobilization of the national guard was discussed. May 10th the notes of the commission state:

"Further discussion of the labor situation resulted in the adjournment of the commission to wait on Governor Pinkham as a body and ask him to request Secretary Lane to use his influence to prevent the mobilization of the national guard at this time."

"Governor Pinkham, knowing there was no present shortage of labor, as admitted by the food commission, refused."

"May 15th the food commission attempted to send a message to Secretary Lane over the head of the governor and deposited it in the U. S. Naval station. General Strong learned of this fact and stopped its transmission."

"The information came from Washington, that through the activities of the delegate at the instigation of Alfred L. Castle, attorney for the food commission, the National Guard of Hawaii would not be mobilized."

**Governor Demanded Copies**  
"The governor had not been consulted, nor did the commission furnish him information. He therefore demanded copies of communications be given him. They were furnished him. Among them was the attached letter written by Alfred L. Castle to Delegate Kalaniana'ole. Charles R. Hemmaway, the other attorney for the commission, denies that he knew anything concerning this letter."

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Here is the letter written by Attorney Castle to Delegate Kalaniana'ole, a part of the correspondence given out today by the governor.

**Castle to Delegate**  
"May 16, 1917.  
Hon. J. K. Kalaniana'ole, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.  
Dear Prince: We expected to have had ready a wireless for you in regard to the mobilization of the national guard, but unfortunately it has been delayed. The territorial food commission, however, has asked me to write to you the facts in regard to the situation here."

"Just before the close of the legislature Secretary Lane sent a wire to the governor laying stress on the necessity for Hawaii to be self-supporting as far as possible, but at the same time to keep up its sugar shipments. The problem seemed so grave that an act passed the legislature unanimously creating a territorial food commission with plenary powers. A copy of this act has been forwarded to you in the form of a bill to be introduced in the next session."

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### Huge Loss By Teutons In "Drive"

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—Despatches here from Rome say that the Austro-Germans have sacrificed hundreds of thousands of their best men, attacking the Italian lines in the past few days, without improving their positions.

### CHIEF JUSTICE ON RESIGNING HINTS AT POLITICAL JOBBERY

Judge Robertson Says "Judicial Appointments Dragged Into Politics"

"Time was when a judicial position in this territory, especially one on the supreme bench, could properly be regarded as a high honor, but that time ceased when judicial appointments were dragged into politics. The shabby treatment which the administration accorded Judge Dole stands as a warning to all that no appreciation or gratitude need be expected for even life-long service and devotion to the public good."

This, in part, is a statement given the Star-Bulletin by Alexander G. M. Robertson who, late yesterday afternoon, cabled to President Wilson his resignation as chief justice of the territorial supreme court, thus carrying out an intention announced some days ago.

"A combination of circumstances," continues Chief Justice Robertson, "has prompted me to resign at this time. I intend to return to private practice."

The incident referred to in the letter regarding Hon. Sanford Ballard Dole apparently was the refusal of the President and department of justice to reappoint him after he had been on the local bench for years as a judge of the United States district court.

Chief Justice Robertson has expressed a desire to leave the bench immediately, and it is likely that his successor will be appointed at once.

unless there is a delay caused by pressure of war business in the national capital. As Mr. Robertson is a Republican, the question arises as to whether his successor will be a man of the same party, or a Democrat. Associate Justice James L. Cole is reported to be in line for the position, as well as Associate Justice R. P. Quarles and Circuit Judge Clarence F. Ashford. The name of Charles F. Clemons, former U. S. judge, has also been mentioned.

Attorney Clemons, who has been mentioned as a likely successor to Chief Justice Robertson, says he cannot permit his name to be considered. He says:

"It is indeed pleasing to be even thought of in connection with so honorable an office as the supreme bench of Hawaii. But, among other things, my resignation from the federal bench, which was put partly on the ground of the uncertainty of judicial tenure in Hawaii, is so recent as to make impossible my permitting my name to be considered. I am sure that every good citizen, every thoughtful person is grateful to Chief Justice Robertson for his distinguished services and wishes him well in his return to active practice."

It is expected that the Bar Association will meet within a few days to recommend a successor to the chief justice. The Democrats are also expected to suggest someone.

One report heard today is that Chief Justice Robertson will become associated with the law firm of Holmes & Olson, but this could not be confirmed.

### VALIDITY OF WORKMEN'S LAW UPHELD

Supreme Court Overrules Ashford Decision and Remands Case Back to District Court

A decision by the supreme court today holds that the territorial workmen's compensation act is constitutional.

The decision sustains exceptions to Circuit Judge Ashford's order overruling a demurrer to a complaint which, among other things, claimed that the act was invalid and unconstitutional. The case is remanded to circuit court with instructions to vacate the judge's order and sustain the demurrer.

The case on which Judge Ashford decided against the constitutionality of the act was that of Edgar T. Anderson against the Hawaiian Dredging Co. This was an action for damages. Anderson was injured and, instead of accepting compensation from the industrial accident board, took the case to court for the recovery of damages, alleging the workmen's compensation act was unconstitutional.

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### LISBON 'REVOLT' EXAGGERATED BY GERMANS, BELIEF

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 11.—News reached here late yesterday that the revolution in Portugal did not unsettle the president.

This news bears out what local Portuguese have guessed from the somewhat indefinite despatches.

That the cabinet of the republic of Portugal may have been reorganized, or that several ministers resigned and their places were filled by members of the opposition party, is now the belief of Portuguese residents, although official advices from Lisbon have not been received by the Portuguese consulate here. It is not believed that a revolution, or any disorder in Lisbon or Oporto, was followed by the wholesale change of ministers, but that the government found it expedient to demand the resignations of most of the cabinet officers and appoint new ones in their stead. It is further believed that the revolution idea originated in Madrid, and that a news agency influenced by German agents, circulated the story that the change in cabinet officers was a revolt against the government, resulting in its overthrow.

A number of prominent Portuguese residents of Honolulu are personally acquainted with Dr. Sidonio Paes, and they do not believe that he is strong enough to hold the reins of government, as stated in the early cable reports from Madrid. Paes was a member of the opposition party, and Madrid reports that he has been named president of the provisional government. The new cabinet is reported to have been formed by Alfonso Costa, who was premier under the republic. Why Costa would be given the honor of forming a provisional cabinet when he was premier in the cabinet reported to be overthrown, is unintelligible to the local Portuguese residents who have been closely following the situation.

### NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

|                           | Today.  | Satur.  |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| Alaska Gold               | 7 1/2   | 7 1/2   |
| American Smelter          | 70      | 72 1/2  |
| American Sugar Rfr.       | 84 1/4  | 96      |
| American Tel. & Tel.      | 101 1/4 | 103 3/4 |
| Anacosta Copper           | 55      | 56      |
| Atchafalaya               | 80      | 83      |
| Baldwin Loco.             | 52 1/2  | 53 1/2  |
| Baltimore & Ohio          | 46 1/2  | 48      |
| Bethlehem Steel           | 72 1/4  | 74 1/4  |
| Calif. Petroleum          | 11 1/2  | 11 1/2  |
| Canadian Pacific          | 128     | 132 3/4 |
| C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul) | 36 3/4  | 38 1/2  |
| Colo. Fuel & Iron         | 32 1/2  | 33      |
| Crucible Steel            | 50      | 52 1/4  |
| Cuban Cane                | 28 1/2  | 27 1/4  |
| Erle Common               | 14 1/2  | 15      |
| General Electric          | 122 1/2 | 124 1/4 |
| General Motors, New       | 85 1/2  | 86 1/2  |
| Great Northern P.         | 87 1/2  | 89 1/2  |
| Inter. Harv., N. J.       | 129 1/2 | 131 1/2 |
| Kennecott Copper          | 53      | 53 1/2  |
| Lehigh R. R.              | 65      | 67 1/4  |
| New York Central          | 43 1/2  | 44 1/2  |
| Pennsylvania              | 21 1/2  | 22 1/2  |
| Ray Consol.               | 68 1/4  | 69 1/4  |
| Reading Common            | 79 1/2  | 82 1/2  |
| Southern Pacific          | 41      | 42 1/2  |
| Studebaker                | 182 1/2 | 184     |
| Texas Oil                 | 107 1/2 | 110 1/2 |
| Union Pacific             | 85 1/2  | 87 1/2  |
| U. S. Steel               | 77      | 77 1/2  |
| Utah                      | 77      | 78 1/4  |
| Western Union             | 36 1/2  | 35 1/2  |
| Westinghouse              |         |         |

\*Bid. \*Ex-dividend. \*Unquoted.

### CONGRESS TO AID WILSON'S WAR POLICIES

Plan to Take Over Railroads Looms Up; Conference on Emergency Measure Tomorrow

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—The senate today ordered a committee to make an investigation of the widespread shortage of sugar and coal, with a view to effecting an early improvement in conditions.

Probability that the nation's railroads will be taken over by the national government as a war measure came nearer today, when Chairman Adamson of the house commerce committee declared that President Wilson will probably have to take over the roads and retain them until after the war if congress will provide a plan for efficient management.

The railroad war board has asked President Wilson for a conference tomorrow.

### L. I. Inaugurates Meatless, Wheatless Days Aboard Ships

Beginning next Thursday the Inter-Island will begin the observance of a meatless day. In like conformity with the government's request Sunday is to be a wheatless day, when no bread, other than rye or corn, will be served.

Another step towards food conservation taken by this company is the serving of smaller portions, so there may be no waste. Announcement of this is given in the following footnote in the steamer bill of fare:

"That there may be no waste caused by a passenger being served with more than he requires of a single item, smaller portions will be served. Additional portions may be had on request."

Below this is the other announcement:

"Thursday is meatless day and Sunday wheatless day. This conforms with the government's request. Your cooperation is appreciated."

As the Inter-Island supplies food for about 600 employees, who likewise come under the new food rules, besides the many passengers carried by the company's steamers, there will be a material saving of wheat and meat by these conservation steps.

### SENATE INQUIRY OF U. S. ARMY EXPENDITURES

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—The senate committee on military affairs today decided to make a general inquiry into the arming and equipping of the American army forces. Secretary of War Baker and others will be required to explain the actions taken. It is emphasized that the purpose of the inquiry is not to criticize, but to secure information which the committee feels should be in possession of congress.

### STATUS OF JERUSALEM WAITS ON PEACE; LAW OF WAR GOVERNS NOW

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 11.—No attempt will be made by the British government to define the future of Jerusalem, which fell into British hands yesterday, until peace has been won and terms of settlement are discussed. The British meanwhile will hold occupation under military law.

### REPORT STUART JOHNSON MAY BE R. T. MANAGER

It was reported today that H. Stuart Johnson, engineer for the Rapid Transit Co., is likely to be named to succeed Manager C. G. Ballentyne, resigned. Mr. Johnson has been with the company for many years. He was one of those mentioned as a possibility for the place when the news of Manager Ballentyne's resignation was printed in this paper.

### KORNILOFF MOBILIZING ARMY TO LAUNCH UPON PACIFISTS; MOSCOW BATTLE IS IMPENDING

Socialist Government Abolishes Private Property And Plans Vast Utopian Scheme

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

LONDON, England, Dec. 11.—Russia is again shaking free of the grip of the Socialist-pacifist government, according to mail advices reaching here, supplemented today by brief telegraphic despatches. A Times despatch from Petrograd says that the situation is grave in Moscow, where Gen. Korniloff is threatening to overthrow the Bolshevik government. The Bolsheviks have placed machine guns in the streets. The garrison, however, shows signs of insubordination and may go over to Korniloff.

Mail advices from Petrograd say that Korniloff's troops and the Cossacks, the latter being under the grand hetman, Kaledines, are mobilizing.

Late yesterday news came that the Bolshevik government is transmitting throughout the country by wireless copies of a proclamation signed by Kolegalev on behalf of the "People's Commissary of Agriculture."

This proclamation declares that all lands, all living or slaughtered stock, all buildings and all produce shall henceforth be national property and under the management of the new land committee.

All private property pertaining to land is abolished and the houses are to be used in many cases as schools. All hospitals, shelter homes and theaters are to be used as public institutions.

The proclamation announces that instructions will shortly be issued for transferring the property to public control.

### SIBERIANS LAUNCH A PROVISIONAL REPUBLIC; HOSTILE TO GERMANY

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Provisions, munitions, supplies and railroad equipment will not be permitted to fall into the hands of Germany as a result of an armistice or peace between the Petrograd government and the Central Powers. The Siberians have formed a provisional government which is evidently loyal to the Allies and has already taken steps to prevent aid and comfort going to the enemy. Announcement was made in Petrograd yesterday that the Siberian provisional government had ordered the stoppage of all food that was designed for European Russia on the ground that it might fall into the hands of the Germans and that steps would be taken to prevent aid from Siberia reaching the enemy.

Disintegration of a provisional government in Siberia marks yet another step in the disintegration of what has been the empire of Russia since anarchistic radicals secured control in Petrograd and Moscow. It is admitted that it will take a strong man to again weld together the fragments, but hope is expressed that this will yet be achieved.

The combination of Kaledines and Korniloff, backed by the Imperialistic and Constitutional Democrats, is looked upon with favor and hope in diplomatic circles. It is known that Kaledines has money, stores and provisions as well as some supplies of ammunition and arms.

### HALIFAX RELIEF WORK GOES ON; INVESTIGATION OF "PLOT" UNDER WAY

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—The blizzard is so severe today that while the relief work continues as steadily as possible, further search among the ruins for dead and injured is virtually impossible.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—Pending the result of the official investigation which has been started to determine the responsibility for the initial collision in the harbor here, as a result of which came the series of explosions and the wrecking of the city, the Canadian officials yesterday made prisoners of all the survivors of the Norwegian steamer Imo, the craft which is reported to have been allowed to smash into a munition ship, while ablaze, her crew having opened the sea cocks and then deserted the vessel in small boats.

Captain Lamedoc of the French steamer Mont Blanc, which is also implicated in the events leading up to the great disaster, and Pilot Mackay, who had the Mont Blanc in charge at the time, are also being held pending the inquiry.

### Food Shylocks, Take Warning

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—Victor Murdock, who is in charge of the federal trade commission's inquiry into food profiteering, said today that profiteers will be prosecuted vigorously.

### SPAIN SORE AT U-BOAT ACTION

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

MADRID, Spain, Dec. 11.—The Spanish government is preparing a vigorous protest to the German government against the action of the German submarine which bombarded the Spanish steamer Claudio, killing eight persons.

### COLD WAVE IS ALL-OVER EAST

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—All points east of the Rockies today report that the temperature is from 20 to 40 degrees below the normal temperature for the season. There is much suffering. Cincinnati reports that the thermometer is 13 degrees below, the coldest for 40 years at this time of the winter.

### DID THIS PAPER GET WARNING BY U. S. TO SHUT UP OR CLOSE UP?

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

GIRARD, Kansas, Dec. 11.—In a statement published today the Appeal to Reason, Socialistic and radical paper, warmly espouses the war which the United States is making, declaring that it has been won over by President Wilson's message to congress. This sheet will be renamed the New Appeal.

### Child Sets Word Of Opposition to Food Endeavors

Reports of opposition to the food pledge campaign were made today by Federal Food Administrator J. F. Child, who declares that, when the campaign was in full swing, rumors were circulated among local Portuguese and others that if they planted gardens the government would take over all the crops, and that if they kept food supplies on hand in large quantities the government would commandeer these. "All of which is, of course, absolutely erroneous," declared Mr. Child. "We want to explain to the people that this is not the case, in spite of reports they may have heard. The government has absolutely no idea of confiscating garden produce, let alone going into houses and taking charge of supplies of food."